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1. The two damaged concrete runways at the Gdynia-Babiedoly (Q 55/Y 45) airfield were being repaired by German PWs. A taxiway, 66 feet wide and 5,000 feet long, was under construction 130 feet south of and parallel to the east-west runway, with which it was connected by concrete lanes.

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2. A hangar, which had been dismantled by a PW detail in Breslau (P52/C41), was erected at the Gdynia-Babiedoly airfield in 1947. The PW detail was still stationed at the field in December 1948.

3. The ground personnel of the unit stationed at the field were quartered in the repaired barracks.

4. Spring of 1948

The former German underground fuel dump, which had been cleaned by PWs, was being filled in the spring of 1948.

5. A Polish unit, designated "Fluk", and under the command of a Polish colonel, was stationed at the field. The unit was supervised by Soviets who were permanently stationed there. About 80 aircraft, presumably IL-2s, were parked at the field. The aircraft, some single-, and some two-seaters, had retractable tail wheels, a gun firing through the propeller, machine guns, mounted in the wings. They were marked with the Polish national insignia. Their propeller hubs were painted white, yellow and red. Only individual flying was observed. A siren was used once a week as an alarm signal (continuous tone repeated twice), whereupon the pilots hurried to their aircraft and took off.

6. A radio truck was available at the field. There were no night landing facilities or flight obstacles.

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